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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE BOAT CASE PROCEDURES

REF: STATE 040705

1. SAMPATKUMAR WOUND UP THREE DAY VISIT HERE FEBRUARY 24 WITH
FULL BRIEFING BY CONGEN AND INS/HK ON BOAT CASE PROCEDURES PER
REFTEL. HE FORESEES LITTLE PROBLEM, OTHER THAN MANPOWER, OF
IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED. HE REITERATED UNHCR COUNTRY
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PRIORITIES (MALAYSIA, THAILAND, SINGAPORE) WHICH GENERALLY
COINCIDES WITH PROPOSED INITIAL PHASE OF PROGRAM.

2. HIS CALLS ON HKG OFFICIALS UNEVENTFUL, ALTHOUGH HK DIRECTOR
OF IMMIGRATION (ROLANDS) VERY EMPHATIC IN STATING HKG CONCERN
THAT NUMBER OF BOAT CASE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG NEVER EXCEED
30-40 IN NUMBER AT ANY ONE TIME IN ORDER TO KEEP LOW PROFILE

ON PROGRAM. THIS INJUNCTION MAY CAUSE US SOME PROBLEMS
IN NOT BEING ABLE TO PROCESS SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF APPLICANTS
TO USE UP 100 CE NUMBERS MONTHLY. (WE HAD HOPED TO HAVE AS
MANY AS 90 HERE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF PROCESSING.) ONCE PROGRAM
IS GEARED UP, HOWEVER, WE MAY BE ABLE TO REDUCE PROCESSING
TIME TO COMPENSATE.

3. WITH REGARD TO DEPT.'S QUERY IN PARA 13 REFTTEL, HE ASSURED
HKG THAT UNHCR WILL CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED IN CARE AND MAIN-
TENANCE AND RESETTLEMENT OF ANY REFUGEES TO WHOM HONG KONG
GIVES FIRST ASYLUM.

4. WHILE HERE, HE SENT MESSAGE TO CRS REP CARLIN IN JAKARTA
INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY HIS HEAD-
QUARTERS; AND EXTENT TO WHICH HE ABLE TO ASSIST IN PROCESSING
APPLICATIONS THERE. CARLIN REPLIED THAT HE NOT RPT NOT
CONTACTED BY HIS HEADQUARTERS BUT IS WILLING TO ASSIST "PROVIDED
HIS HQ CAN AGREE ON EXTENT AND TYPE OF COOPERATION AND FINANCIAL
IMPLICATIONS ARE KNOWN."

5. SAMPATKUMAR DEPARTED HONG KONG 1620 HOURS 2/24
ENROUTE KUALA LUMPUR WHERE HE PLANS TO BOARD WCRP VESSEL
"ROWLAND".
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